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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4451-024]

Green Mountain Power Corporation,
City of Somersworth, New Hampshire;

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR Part 380, the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the relicense application for the Lower Great Falls Hydroelectric Project No. 4451, located on the Salmon Falls River in Strafford County, New Hampshire and York County, Maine, and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project. No federal land would be occupied by the project.

The EA contains staff's analysis of the potential environmental effects of the project and concludes that licensing the project, with appropriate environmental protective measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

The number of pages in the EA exceeds the page limits set forth in the Council on Environmental Quality's July 16, 2020 final rule, *Update to the Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act* (85 Fed. Reg. 43304). Noting the scope and complexity of the proposed action and action alternatives, the Director of the Office of Energy Projects, as our senior agency official, has authorized this page limit exceedance for the EA.

The Commission provides all interested persons with an opportunity to view and/or print the EA via the Internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field, to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, toll-free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

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Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-4451-024.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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